





Today's  
Advertisements.THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL.THE  
HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC  
CLUB  
WILL GIVE  
FOUR PERFORMANCES  
OF  
THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD,  
OR  
THE MERRYMAN AND HIS MAID.W. S. GILBERT & ARTHUR SULLIVAN  
THIS EVENING,  
(THURSDAY), 15th February,  
SATURDAY, 17th  
SATURDAY, 24th  
MONDAY, 26thCommencing each Evening at 9 P.M. precisely.  
Dress Circle and Stalls ..... \$3  
Pit ..... 1  
Half-price in the Pit for Soldiers, Sailors,  
and Police in Uniform.TICKETS can be obtained at the Booking  
Office of the Theatre, CITY HALL, Daily at 10  
A.M.The BOOKING OFFICE will be OPEN Daily  
from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. except on Race Days,  
when it will be open from 10 A.M. to 12 NOON.Late Trains will run 1 hour after the fall of  
the curtain.H. C. NICOLLE,  
Acting Manager,  
Hongkong, 15th February, 1900. [122b]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions  
to Sell by  
PUBLIC AUCTION,  
at his Sales Rooms, Zealand Street, No. 2.SATURDAY, the 17th February, 1900.  
Commencing at 2.30 P.M.A LARGE QUANTITY OF  
USEFUL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.Comprising:  
DRAWING ROOM SUITE, EASY CHAIRS,  
DINING TABLES, LEATHER COVERED  
CHAIRS, VIENNA CHAIRS, WASHING  
STANDS, SIDEBOARDS, CENTRE  
TABLES with MARBLE, WHATNOTS,  
TOILET TABLES, LOOKING GLASSES,  
ICECHESTS, PERAMBULATOR, CO-  
CART, DOUBLE and SINGLE IRON BED-  
STEADS, CARPETS, ELECTROPLATE,  
GLASSWARE, CROCKERY, CUTLERY,  
&c., &c., &c.Also:  
1 COTTAGE PIANO (New).  
2 HARMONIUMS.  
Several BICYCLES (New and Slightly used).  
On View at the Undersigned's Catalogues  
issued.

TERMS OF SALE: As customary.

PAUL BREWITT,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1900. [214b]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA,"

Captain Douglas, will be despatched for the  
above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 17th instant,  
at 10 A.M.For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAURIE & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1900. [212b]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Steamship

"GUTHRIE,"

Captain Dabell, will be despatched as above  
on TUESDAY, the 20th instant, at Daylight.This well-known Steamer is specially fitted  
for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Cham-  
ber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provi-  
sions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.This Steamer is installed throughout with the  
Electric Light.A Stewardess and a duly-qualified Surgeon  
are carried.N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Com-  
pany to and from MANILA, are available for  
return by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVA-  
TION COMPANY and vice versa.For Passage, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1900. [211b]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"GLENHURST,"

Captain ... will be despatched as above  
on TUESDAY, the 20th instant, at Noon.For Freight, apply to  
MCCREOR BROS. & GOW,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1900. [213b]

Mr. Tubby.—"I eat Rattonjee's Bread!"  
Mr. Spindleshanks.—"I don't!"

BREAD! BREAD! BREAD!

MR. H. RUTTONJEE begs to inform his  
Honourable Patrons that he is now pre-  
pared to deliver BREAD in WANCHAI and the  
East-End of the City between the hours of  
6 and 7 A.M.CUSTOMERS requiring BREAD to be  
delivered are requested to kindly notify the  
same toH. RUTTONJEE,  
13 & 15, D'Aguiar Street.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1900. [24]

## Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,  
LIMITED.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

## SCOTCH WHISKY.

A.—THORNE'S BLEND, White  
Capsule ..... \$10.80B.—WATSON'S GLENORCHY  
MELLOW BLEND, Blue  
Capsule, with Name  
and Trade Mark ..... 10.80C.—WATSON'S ADELOPH-  
GLENIVET, Red Cap-  
sule, with name and  
Trade Mark ..... 12.00D.—WATSON'S H.K.D., BLEND  
OF THE FINEST SCOTCH  
MALT WHISKIES, Vi-  
olet Capsule, ..... 14.40E.—WATSON'S VERY OLD LI-  
QUEUR SCOTCH WHISKY.  
Gold Capsule ..... 15.00THORNE'S BLEND and WATSON'S  
GLENORCHY are high class Soda  
Whiskies, of greater age than most  
brands in the market.ADELOPH-GLENIVET is a very old  
Pent Whisky, (smoky) and could not  
now be replaced in stock at the price.D is well known for its fine  
flavour.E is of superb quality and pro-  
nounced by leading local connois-  
seurs to be the best brand in the  
Hongkong market.A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

## BIRTH.

On the 6th January, at Brooklyn, Jevington-  
gardens, Eastbourne, the wife of THRO. A.  
WOODBRIDGE, of Penang, Straits Settlements,  
of a daughter. (Ethne Maud).

## DEATHS.

On the 3th January, at 1, Christchurch-road,  
Folkestone, CLEMENTINA STRACHAN MAR-  
SHALL, wife of the late William Marshall, of  
Yokohama, Japan.On the 6th January, at "Cluny," Anerley, in  
his 68th year, EDWARD JOHN LEVISON, second  
son of the late Edward Henry and Sara Ash-  
worth Levison.On the 7th January, at "Cluny," Anerley,  
MARY, widow of Edward John Levison.On the 9th January, at 8, Lewisham-park,  
Lewisham, PETER GRAHAM, youngest son of  
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Folkestone, CLEMENTINA STRACHAN MAR-  
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worth Levison.On the 24th January, at "Cluny," Anerley,  
MARY, widow of Edward John Levison.On the 25th January, at 8, Lewisham-park,  
Lewisham, PETER GRAHAM, youngest son of  
Henry and Annie Walker, in his 20th year.On the 26th January, at 1, Christchurch-road,  
Folkestone, CLEMENTINA STRACHAN MAR-  
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Yokohama, Japan.On the 27th January, at "Cluny," Anerley, in  
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worth Levison.On the 28th January, at "Cluny," Anerley,  
MARY, widow of Edward John Levison.On the 29th January, at 8, Lewisham-park,  
Lewisham, PETER GRAHAM, youngest son of  
Henry and Annie Walker, in his 20th year.On the 30th January, at 1, Christchurch-road,  
Folkestone, CLEMENTINA STRACHAN MAR-  
SHALL, wife of the late William Marshall, of  
Yokohama, Japan.On the 31st January, at "Cluny," Anerley, in  
his 68th year, EDWARD JOHN LEVISON, second  
son of the late Edward Henry and Sara Ash-  
worth Levison.On the 1st February, at "Cluny," Anerley,  
MARY, widow of Edward John Levison.On the 2nd February, at 8, Lewisham-park,  
Lewisham, PETER GRAHAM, youngest son of  
Henry and Annie Walker, in his 20th year.On the 3rd February, at 1, Christchurch-road,  
Folkestone, CLEMENTINA STRACHAN MAR-  
SHALL, wife of the late William Marshall, of  
Yokohama, Japan.On the 4th February, at "Cluny," Anerley, in  
his 68th year, EDWARD JOHN LEVISON, second  
son of the late Edward Henry and Sara Ash-  
worth Levison.On the 5th February, at "Cluny," Anerley,  
MARY, widow of Edward John Levison.On the 6th February, at 8, Lewisham-park,  
Lewisham, PETER GRAHAM, youngest son of  
Henry and Annie Walker, in his 20th year.On the 7th February, at 1, Christchurch-road,  
Folkestone, CLEMENTINA STRACHAN MAR-  
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Folkestone, CLEMENTINA STRACHAN MAR-  
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MARY, widow of Edward John Levison.On the 30th February, at 8, Lewisham-park,  
Lewisham, PETER GRAHAM, youngest son of  
Henry and Annie Walker, in his 20th year.On the 1st March, at 1, Christchurch-road,  
Folkestone, CLEMENTINA STRACHAN MAR-  
SHALL, wife of the late William Marshall, of  
Yokohama, Japan.man in the right place. He has made  
a very good beginning with the MAT SALLER  
affair, which will serve to show the natives  
that their new Governor is not a man to be  
filled with and we trust that he will continue  
to act with equal rapidity and decision.  
Given a free hand he can become the  
saviour of North Borneo, and we have every  
confidence that he will prove to be so.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

## THE WAR.

Kimberley.

London, February, 14th.

Kimberley was severely bombarded on the  
8th inst.

## Cape Colony.

The Boers have driven in the British out-  
posts on the Western flank of the Rensberg  
position. Some casualties occurred.

## The New Army Schemes.

Lord Wemyss moved a motion in favour  
of a modified form of compulsory service for  
home defence.Mr. Wyndham in the House of Commons  
said that Government had been urged to  
adopt a modified form of conscription but  
that this was not intended as it was unneces-  
sary in view of the volume of Volunteer  
efforts in every part of the Empire.

## Cape Colony.

The Eastern flank at Rensberg is being  
threatened and the British force at Slingers-  
fontein has been obliged to retire on  
Rensberg.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says—  
On the 15th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has  
risen in the North, except in E. Japan. Pres-  
sure is high over N. China, and the shallow  
depression has passed to the E. of Japan. Gradi-  
ents moderate to rather steep with strong  
monsoon on the coast, and increasing monsoon  
in the N. part of the China Sea. FORECAST—  
Fresh to strong N.E. winds; cloudy, misty.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. Winterscale of the Perak P.W.D. Finance  
branch, who is on leave, is said to have gone  
to do a little soldiering and in South Africa  
strike a blow on behalf of the empire.ORDERS are being issued for the coining at the  
Indian mints of about 40 lakhs of rupees to  
replace the old and worn coins of 1835 and  
other years, withdrawn from circulation.The Settlement of Singapore, founded in 1819  
on the 6th of February by Sir Stamford Raffles,  
is but three months older than Her Majesty the  
Queen, who was born on the 24th May in that  
year.MR. OWEN SYMONS, of Halwatura estate,  
Horana, Ceylon, who enjoys the distinction of  
being the nephew to the late General Penn  
Symons, has left for South Africa to join some  
mounted corps engaged in the war.We have received from His Excellency Count  
Matsukata, His Japanese Majesty's Minister  
of Finance, through Mr. Tokutomi, the well-  
known Editor of the *Kokumin Shinbun*, a  
copy of the English translation of His Excel-  
lency's very complete and valuable report on  
the adoption of the gold standard in Japan, in  
the course of which he has reviewed with great  
clearness and felicity the entire history of  
Japanese currency since 1600 A.D. and has set  
out in the fullest detail and in proper sequence  
the history of the movement that led to the  
substitution of an exclusive gold standard for  
the bi-metallic standard that prevailed from the  
commencement of the present era, to 1898. We  
hope to be able at an early date to take further  
notice of this volume and to give a careful  
summary of the events it records.We notice in a recent number of the *English-  
man* published at Bombay a review of a curious  
and interesting pamphlet on the Secret History  
of the Transvaal Conspiracy. This pamphlet  
purports to give brief history of the conspiracy  
from its conception to the present time, its  
objects, its agents, the disposal of its funds, and  
the result as seen to-day—war against Great  
Britain. The author, Mr. A. E. Hayter, states  
himself to have been for some years in the  
employ of the Bank at Pretoria called "De  
Nationale Bank Van de Zuid Afrikaan-  
se Republiek," and says that in 1899, a former  
German Consul General was appointed Gen-  
eral Manager of this Bank at Pretoria, by an  
express understanding between Bismarck and  
Dr. W. J. Leyds, who laid the foundation of  
the secret service system. The writer states  
that the Bank Directors held frequent midnight  
meetings at which the General Manager,  
Leyds, and others attended, and on one occa-  
sion Kruger is reported to have said "England  
must not be the supreme power in South Africa  
and I feel sure provided we have Germany  
with us and the Orange Free State and the  
Colony we shall win the day." The writer also  
states that at this time the Bond in the Cape  
was pressed for money and, gives details of the  
manner in which prominent Cape politicians  
were furnished with money from the Secret  
Service Fund, the annual expenditure of which  
amounted to about £80,000. The writer goes  
on to show how the Secret Service was put  
into operation to undermine Great Britain in  
South Africa and the support furnished by the  
German Government and the methods adopted  
to stir up the natives against the British, and  
even states that the fire at Mr. Rhodes' house  
and the attempt to wreck the train he travelled  
in on the 7th January, 1897, was the work  
of the Secret Service. The writer further states  
that the large financial houses of Germany still  
contribute largely to the Secret Service Fund  
and that the fair sex are employed to win  
secrets out of young British officers, and ends  
by severely criticizing Mr. Schreiner's attitude  
on the war.CAPTAIN De Rougemont of the South African  
Horse, who was killed in a skirmish near  
Chieveley on the 23rd January, was a brother of  
Mr. De Rougemont of the Straits Civil Service,  
who will receive much sympathy in this sal-  
low.THE question has arisen in Colombo whether  
a volunteer for service in South Africa who has  
been accepted by Government, can be arrested  
on a warrant issued by a court of requests in  
respect of a debt alleged to be owed by the recruit.THE Directors of the Bombay Burma Trading  
Company have resolved to recommend the pay-  
ment of a dividend on the past-year at the rate  
of 30 per cent. The Burma Forests and Indian  
State Railway sleepers have contributed to this  
extraordinary return.It may interest our readers to know, says the  
*Singapore Free Press* of 5th instant, that on  
board the homeward bound French mail  
steamer *Calcuttan* last night there was a  
group of Dutch officers from the Netherlands  
Indian Army who have volunteered themselves  
for service in the Boer Army in the Transvaal.HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE  
COUNCIL.This afternoon, a meeting of the Hong-  
kong Legislative Council was held in the  
Council Chamber at the Government Offices.  
There being present His Excellency the Gov-  
ernor (Sir Henry Blake, G.C.M.G.), His Excel-  
lency Major General Gonsvoine, C.M.G.,  
the Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G. (Acting Colonial  
Secretary), the Hon. W. Meigh Goodman  
(Attorney General), the Hon. W. E. B. Brewin  
the Hon. R. Murray Ramsey (Harbour Master),  
the Hon. A. M. Thomson (Colonial Treasurer),  
the Hon. C. P. Chater, the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai,  
the Hon. E. R. Bellios, C.M.G., the Hon. J. J.  
Casswell, the Hon. Wei A. Yik, and Mr. R. F.  
Johnston (Acting Clerk of Councils).The Clerk of Councils read the minutes of the  
last meeting.The following papers were laid on the table:  
1. Financial Minutes. (Nos. 1 to 6.)  
2. Report of the Public Works Committee  
(No. 1.)Pursuant to notice the following questions  
were put by the Hon. T. H. Whitehead—(1.) Will the Honourable the Colonial Sec-  
retary lay upon the table a copy of the general  
instructions received from the Secretary of  
State under which Crown Leases were granted to  
the Lee Hing Company for the dredging and  
collection of shells—and around Pine-Ghai  
Island in the New Territory as stated by him  
in Council on 14th December last, and a copy  
of the said Leases?Answer.—The papers have been laid on the  
table.(2.) Will the Honourable the Director of  
Public Works inform the Council of the cause  
of the prolonged delay in construction of the  
shelter for the Chinese Chair Coolies at Victoria  
Gap—the upper terminus of the Peak Tramway,  
and whether this urgently needed work cannot  
be proceeded with without further delay?Answer.—A vote for the estimated cost of this  
work will be submitted to-day for the considera-  
tion of the Finance Committee. If this vote is  
passed by the Council, the work will be taken  
in hand without delay. The work has been  
delayed owing to the number of other urgent  
works which had to take precedence of it.(3.) Will the Honourable the Colonial Sec-  
retary lay on the table a copy of the corre-  
spondence which has passed since May, 1899,  
between the Colonial Office and the Hongkong  
Government, also a copy of the letter, dated  
15th September last, from the Jubilee Committee  
here to the Secretary of State for the Colonies  
and a copy of the latter's reply thereto, in con-  
nection with the road proposed in 1897, to be  
constructed round the Island to commemorate the  
sixth year's reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria?Answer.—The papers have been laid on the  
table.The Hon. F. H. May (Acting Colonial Sec-  
retary) then proposed that the Council  
should vote the sum of \$50,000 towards the  
South African fund, leaving it for the Lord  
Mayor to devote this sum to whatever branch  
of the fund he should consider the most ad-  
visable.

The Hon. Colonial Treasurer seconded.

The Hon. C. P. Chater, as an unofficial mem-  
ber, said he had much pleasure in supporting  
this motion. He was pleased to see that assist-  
ance in men was not required but at the same  
time the Colony ought to show sympathy  
by sustaining the wives and families of the  
soldiers sent to the war. He most cordially,  
as an unofficial member, supported the proposi-  
tion.The Hon. Hokai, as representing the Chinese,  
said he also had great pleasure in supporting  
the proposition as showing sympathy to the  
soldiers' family left behind.The Hon. E. R. Bellios spoke a few heart-  
felt words in support of the motion, saying that  
the Council of the Straits Settlements had  
already voted towards this fund.In putting the proposition His Excellency  
said that there were many doubts as to the prop-  
erty of the fund, but he was sure that the Com-  
munity. The Lord Mayor had written and said  
that there were other funds besides the "Widows  
and Orphans," which had received most ample  
support, to be assisted, so he had great pleasure  
in proposing the resolution, that the sum of  
\$50,000, which he characterized as a most  
magnificent sum, be voted towards the South  
African fund, its distribution being left to the  
discretion of the officials in charge of the fund.

Carried unanimously.

The following bills were then read a first  
time a Bill entitled An Ordinance to further  
amend the Public Health Ordinance, 1897.A Bill entitled An Ordinance for the Natu-  
ralization of Wan Kai Tsung, alias Wan Tsing  
Kui, alias Wan Ming Kap.A Bill entitled An Ordinance to further  
amend the Public Health Ordinance, 1897.



Tai Kok Tai Bay has not been sold, and half the available building area, abutting on the south side of the Shaukiwan Road between the Eastern Extension of the Queen's Recreation Ground and Shaukiwan Village, this latter area to be first laid out in blocks and each alternate block to be assigned to the Trust.

The Trust to reclaim, where it seems expedient, and lay out these areas in building sites, streets, and open spaces and may lease such sites for periods which may extend to 99 years.

The Trust, to enjoy the use of such property as is assigned to it free of charge for 10 years and thereafter the Trust to pay interest at 4 per cent. per annum on the value at date of assignment of so much of the land as they are able to lease.

The Trust to receive in full the rents of the lands assigned to, or reclaimed by them, and the difference between these rents and the interest payable to Government to form part of the revenue of the Trust.

No interest to be paid to Government on any portion of the Trust Estate which is not to be used for the formation of streets, or which has been reserved for any public purpose, or which is required for open spaces.

On the expiration of 99 years from the date of acquisition by the Trust the property so acquired to revert to the Government.

(iii) All assessments for rates for new buildings erected on Trust Land not before made, and all enhanced assessments for rates for buildings assigned to or acquired by the Trust by purchase or otherwise, to be paid by the Government to the Trust.

6. The following are the proposals for the settlement of disputes and compensation:

A Tribunal of appeal to be framed for the decision of all questions in dispute connected with the acquisition of land and property by the Trust.

(Signed), F. H. MAY,  
EDWARD OSBORNE,  
FRANCIS W. CLARK.

## CANTON NOTES.

## CHINESE MERCHANTS PETITION FOR GUNBOATS.

The general importing and exporting merchants, carrying on business with the Hoi Fung and Look Fung districts, owning the Hop Shing Loong and Bun Woo shops in Hongkong have sent a petition to the Acting Deputy Commissioner Mr. Lim See (H. W. Lim) of the Imperial Maritime Customs, Kowloon, requesting him to apply to the Chinese Government at Canton for gunboats to be sent for the protection of junk navigation in the Tai Fung Ping Hoi waters.

In the petition they state that the military and police forces are so weak that junks are often forced, even at the mouth of the Hoi Fung harbour and in Shan May, and Won Hui waters. The pirates have now become so audacious that they not only dare to rob the junks but tow them to Lum Shan, where they sell the booty to the villagers. When the police see these boats passing they do not make enquiries to see if they are pirated boats, there does not seem to be any protection for the merchants.—China.

## DRAINAGE PLANS.

PROPOSED REVISION OF REGULATIONS. The Secretary, Under ordinance 1879 sec. 69, latter half, it is not necessary for architects to send separate drainage plans to this Dept. if they were shown on Public Works plans.

The following report bearing on the above subject has been circulated:

After two years experience of attempting to work this I find it impracticable to carry out satisfactorily. The P.W.D. either need the plans at the same time as the building is in charge of drainage being often out at times a cause of much delay in obtaining plans, and in the inspection of works; often plans are altered in the construction of a building—more often than not! This has to be recorded, on filed plans and much time is wasted in sending to P.W.D. sometimes three or four times, for a plan for different reasons.

Please therefore lay before the members of the Board this suggestion. "That a notice be put in the Government Gazette and a letter written to the leading architects requesting them in future not to show house drains on buildings plans, but submit a separate block plan of building showing drains, and stating thereon position of kitchens, paths etc. which will be filed and kept to record in this office thereby saving time both to architects in obtaining certificates and to officers of this Department." I have consulted, I think all the architects on this question and they appear to have no objection to the arrangement.

(Sd.) R. F. DRURY.

Copy of Section 69 Ordinance 1879 of 1889 bearing on the subject was attached and circulated among the members of the Sanitary Board.

## MAT SALLEH.

## KILLED IN AN ENGAGEMENT.

JAMESON RAIDER AND BORN-RAIDER.

SINGAPORE, February 15th.

Telegraphic intelligence was received in Singapore from British North Borneo yesterday that the notorious Mat Salleh, the native raider and fighter whom the police have been chasing in his native jungle for weeks past, has been killed in combat with the forces sent out to capture or kill him. Mat Salleh has been a very troublesome for some months past. Now he is dead it is anticipated British North Borneo will revert to ways of peace. A punitive expedition, under Captain Harrington, one of Jameson's raiders, had been after Mat Salleh for a considerable time in the Tambunan country. Two weeks ago, Capt. Harrington had an engagement with the enemy in the Tambunan country. The enemy, to a considerable number, were found in a defended village, the small guns were got to bear on the place at noon, but it was not until the evening of the following day that a plucky dash, led by Lieut. Dansey, sub-commandant, finally captured the position. The enemy lost 60 men killed and wounded, and the village was razed to the ground. The enemy had 100 rifles which they were ordered to lay down. Mat Salleh's followers fell back on their 200 bows, which were said to be well planned and very strongly built. It was thought at first that Mat Salleh had but a small following, but it was afterwards learned that his force numbered about 1,500.

Captain Harrington came up with Mat Salleh's followers on Saturday, and after some stiff fighting in which Mat Salleh was conspicuous for his bravery, he was killed. Mat Salleh fell a victim to a bullet from the attacking force. Mat Salleh has been the bug-bear of British North Borneo for a long time. Now that the insurrection has been put down, the country will see a return to peace and prosperity in the country. Mat Salleh has continually instigated rebellions against British rule.—S. F. Press.

## STUDY OF CHINA.

## REPORT OF SECRETARY S. H. TO COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Sir, I have the honour by direction of the President of the Sanitary Board, to point out by C.O. 2961 of 1895 it was sanctioned that the regulation governing the study of Chinese and the monetary reward granted for the possession of a certificate by the members of the police should be extended to the Inspectors of the Sanitary Department. Since that time certificates have been granted by Inspectors in this Department, and at the present time four are in possession of such certificates, namely two of the second and two of first certificates. It is, however, found that there is some cause which prevents the main body of the Inspectors from acquiring a useful knowledge of Chinese, and thus sets prejudicially against the value of their services in sanitary matters.

The reason for this may be partially due to the comparatively small reward paid for the possession of a certificate, namely \$250 and \$100 for first, second or third respectively, and to the fact that I am directed to recommend that as the police allowances have been doubled by C.O. 388 of 1899 so may the same privilege be extended to the Inspectors of this Department; to the present holders of certificates on the same terms as therein quoted for police, namely, on passing a test examination, and to all who may in future gain certificates.

(Sd.) C. W. DUGGAN.

The vote on the estimates for this Department is \$300 and the increase if granted will require an additional \$250 for the current year, and \$250 for certificates already gained and \$100 for prospective grants.

The four inspectors mentioned in the report are: J. Reidie and F. Fischer; H. J. Knight and G. Hogarth; S. 30.

The Colonial Secretary intimated 24th ultimo, "I think the allowance should be the same as in the police but doubt whether the officers have not taken up, or pressed in Chinese are influenced altogether by the amounts. Incapacity and disinclination to study would account for a number of them."

The Colonial Secretary intimated—"I agree with the Inspector and, speaking from my previous experience, I doubt whether the increase in pay will lead to many more inspectors being able to speak Chinese. I shall be agreeably surprised if it does."

## BY THE MAIL.

[From Our Exchange.]

## A Coming Marriage.

A marriage will shortly take place between Captain Charles R. B. Owen, R.A., only son of the late Mr. Charles Owen, barrister-at-law and Chief Magistrate Straits Settlements, and Miss Catherine Gwendoline Hornby, second daughter of the Rev. C. E. Hornby, of Ashendene, Hereford.

## The Clementi Smiths.

A good many of our readers will be interested to hear that two sons of Sir Cecil Clementi Smith, G.C.M.G., have started for service in South Africa. Mr. Arthur Clementi Smith, of the Public Works Department, Ceylon, goes with the Ceylon contingent of Mounted Volunteers, while 2nd Lieut. Hubert Clementi Smith, R.E., 9th Company Royal Engineers, is with the recently-formed Seventh Division.

## Death of Vice-Admiral Duckworth-King.

Vice-Admiral Richard Duckworth-King died on 4th ult. At the blockade of the Canton River and the bombardment and capture of Canton, he served as midshipman of the *Sir Philip*, and carried the colours of the landing party at the assault and capture of the Peiho forts, for which he and Taku claps. He assisted in the action with pirates at the island of Ling-tung, near Hong Kong, where a 5-gun battery and 25 large war junks were captured.

## Sir Howard Vincent goes to the Front.

Lieut. Colonel Sir Howard Vincent M.P., left Waterloo Station by the 1.40 Castle Line express on 6th ult. for Southampton, whence he sailed for South Africa in the steamer *Caribbean*. Although not permitted, upon Voluntary grounds, to assume the command of the Volunteer contingent to which he was nominated, the gallant colonel is resolved unofficially to proceed to the seat of war. There left by the same train, for the front, Dr. Watson Cheyne and Mr. Clement, two surgeons from King's College Hospital, who are joining the Army Medical Staff.

## General Yule's Return.

Among the passengers who arrived on the 6th ult. at Southampton from South Africa by Messrs. Donald Currie and Co.'s mail steamer *Dunedin Castle* was Major-General Yule. The arrival of General Yule in England justifies the confident hope of his mother, a fine old lady over eighty years of age, who has lived at Enay for half a century. Since her son's masterly conduct of the arduous retreat from Glencoe in Ladysmith, she remarked that this was his fourth war, and as he had been spared in three he might come safely through another; but, she added, that she loved to know that "her boy" was doing his duty. Major-General Yule has been invalided home.

## Deaths.

The following deaths are announced:—William Bates, the brilliant Yorkshire cricketer. Lady Alice Montagu, sister of the Duke of Manchester. Mr. Henry Francis Coxwell, who will be remembered as one of the most active promoters in his time of that science of aerostatics to which he devoted his life. Dr. Edmund Depret, whose *Le Deu* was produced by Mr. Newman at Queen's Hall as recently as last month. Rev. Arthur Mansfield, vicar of Elberton, Gloucestershire, a famous oarsman during his University career. Mr. Richard Joviss Osborne, one of the most eminent civil engineers of the United States.

## A New Judge.

Her Majesty has been pleased to approve of the name of Mr. H. Burton Buckley, Q.C., to be one of the Justices of the High Court, in the place of Mr. Justice North, resigned. On 10th ult. the retiring Judge completed his seventieth birthday. Mr. Ford North has been a Justice of the High Court since 1881, and has therefore been qualified for a pension since 1896. Mr. Burton Buckley, the new Judge, is in his fifty-sixth year, and is the fourth of the Rev. John Wall Buckley, Vicar of St. Mary's, Paddington. He was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1881, and became Queen's Counsel in 1886, and a Bench in 1891. Mr. Buckley has for many years enjoyed a large practice at the Chancery Bar, and although his name is practically unknown to the public who crowd the courts at sensational trials, he enjoys at the Bar the reputation of being a good lawyer.

## Russia and Japan.

A London correspondent, alluding to the recall of Baron Rosen from Tokyo, says, it is

believed that Russia is dissatisfied with the present gains of cross-purposes between herself and Japan in Korea, is anxious to find a friendly *modus vivendi*, and wishes to put the matter into other hands than those of her late Minister. It was Baron Rosen who signed the agreement of Russia and Japan in April, 1898, recognising the sovereignty and entire independence of Korea and mutually pledging themselves to abstain from direct interference in the internal affairs of that country and to take no step in regard to the appointment of military instructors or financial advisers in Korea without consulting each other. The Russian Government further undertook to interfere in no way against the development of the commercial and industrial relations of Japan and Korea. But many points of difference have since then arisen between the two countries, and Russia, it is said, wishes to make a new departure, and with it to have a new Minister at the Japanese Court.

## The Post Office.

Although no very striking postal reforms can be recorded, the Post-office has during the year just closed made steady and continuous progress in many directions. The year has, in the first place, witnessed the extension of penny postage to Malta, Jamaica, Mauritius, British North Borneo, Labuan, and the Cape of Good Hope, so that now the only British colonies which have not as yet availed themselves of the reduced rate of transmission are those of Australia, New Zealand, and Rhodesia. In the past year the orbit of the telegraph has been extended to Swatow, Amoy, and Wailshich Bay, and simultaneously the telegraph has been reduced to Korea, Denmark, French and Dutch Guiana, Venezuela, Portuguese East Africa, certain places in South and East Africa, Fomosa, British Guiana, the West Indies, and Key West. It is anticipated that in the hands of the Post Office the development of the trunk telephone system will be considerable. It is four years since the department took over the trunk system of telephones, and in the interval great progress has been made in the spreading of its network.

## Tricking the Boers.

Some of our soldiers have been playing tricks upon the glibless Boer. A squadron of Lancers in one of the patrols took with them one day a Lancer of straw. This figure was left near a Boer position and, viewed from a distance, looked a veritable cavalryman. The figure was left on a rock, and it was not long before the Boers were having a good laugh at the soldier who was daringly exposed himself. Gossiping Boers had no effect, and it is alleged that getting exasperated, they turned one of their big guns on the dummy. The Liverpool one day set up a row of villages, and the Boers were driven nearly crazy by the indifference these men showed to their fire. Then there was the bogus artillery, some of our people constructed one night on the town lands in front of Unbulwana. They were figures of men and something which looked like 15-pounders. The Boers blazed away at this battery, and "knocked particular hell out of it," as an artillery man, with many delighted grins, said, only to find out that they were being fooled.

## Death of Inspector General Mortimer.

Inspector General Edward Townsend Mortimer, of the Royal Navy, retired, has died suddenly, of pneumonia following influenza, at Cromwell House, Southsea, in the sixty-sixth year of his age. He joined the medical service of the Navy in March, 1856, and served as Assistant Surgeon during the China War from 1857 to 1862, being specially mentioned in despatches for his services at the capture of Canton. He was also present at the capture of the Peiho and at the attack on the same in 1859, on which occasion he was thanked by the Commander-in-Chief for his services to the wounded, and specially promoted (Staff Surgeon, April 25, 1862), and received the medal with three clasps. As Deputy Inspector General, in charge of the Royal Naval Hospital, Hongkong, he received the thanks of the Government of that Colony for acting as Chairman of a Commission to inquire into the prevalence of fever in the Colony. Dr. Mortimer was President of the Medical Society of Hongkong in 1888, and Inspector General, which rank he reached in May, 1889, in charge of the Hospital from April, 1891, to January, 1894, when he was placed on the retired list.

## Colours Deposited.

Intense enthusiasm was manifested in Nottingham on 10th ult. when the colours of the 4th Battalion Royal Sherwood Foresters were deposited with the Mayor, prior to the departure of the regiment for the seat of war. A contingent of five officers and fifty-eight men, accompanied by their band, brought the flags from Hulme Barracks and marched to the Guildhall, thousands of people lining the streets and cheering vociferously. The detachment, after the formal ceremony, were entertained to luncheon. There was an enthusiastic scene at West Hartlepool on 10th ult., when the local contingent of the Imperial Volunteers took their departure for South Africa. The Mayor and members of the Corporation were on the railway platform to bid the party, who are all of the Northumberland Hussars, farewell, and the train left the station amidst prolonged cheering and the waving of hats and handkerchiefs. The men of both the mounted and dismounted portions of the City of London Imperial Volunteers during the week have been busily drilling at Wellington Barracks. They have settled down to work, and are moving much smarter now that they are becoming familiar with their officers and the commissioned officers. The artillery have been engaged at St. John's-wood in drill on the new quick-firing gun, with which the men are much pleased.

## Lord Charles Beresford Speaks.

Lord Charles Beresford was entertained at dinner at the Trocadero Restaurant by the London Chamber of Commerce, having stated that he intended to deliver a young speech. Lord Charles declared that he had only met three men of the administration of the services, and they were Lord Randolph Churchill, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, and Sir Charles Dilke. When our defences were put to the test there was always a panic, and inferior articles were bought at the highest price in order to equip ourselves for the war we were undertaking. The Budget for defences was not made out on the exigencies of defence, but upon the exigencies of finance. It was found when war went to war that we had neither the equipment nor organisation that we should have ready for any emergency. "That might be," we were very often fighting two thirds of the Republics—very gallant men and worthy foes—but we had already come down to taking all the young men of England in order that we might give those

two Republics of our own territory. The present system was thoroughly bad and thoroughly misleading. There was no real responsibility under it. The Minister was supposed to be responsible to Parliament, but the House knew that the Minister did not know anything about it. There was no real responsibility based upon the ordinary common

sense of making out the requirements of defence, before the Ministers asked for money. Therefore the whole business was a farce.

## Speech by Mr. Balfour.

Mr. Balfour, addressing his East Manchester constituents on 8th ult. defended Government from the charge of not having been properly prepared for the war. Had they acted from the first on the assumption that war was inevitable, they would not have had, as now, the country absolutely united in support of the policy pursued. That, again, was worth many an army corps. Notwithstanding the tactical mistake of Ladysmith, the Boer invasion of British territory had not made such progress as might have been expected, and considering the necessity of mobility, and guns less mobile, but of greater range, had been, and were being sent out abundantly. He excluded the sea transport of the troops, and the manner in which the reserves had come up. The Government, the right hon. gentleman added, had given the general an absolutely free hand. He ridiculed foreign prophecies that the dissolution of the Empire had begun. Speaking on 10th ult. at the Manchester Conservative Club Mr. Balfour defended the War Office from the criticisms to which the Department had been subjected in connection with the present war. There had been no policy of concealment. On the contrary, they never had been a time in the history of the world in which the War Office had been readier with instantaneous information upon every incident in the campaign, whether favourable or unfavourable. He denied that the Army had been sent out with guns so feeble as to be practically placed at a hopeless disadvantage, saying that their equipments were those which, it was considered, were demanded by the circumstances of the case. The War Office, however, were now engaged in experiments, with the object of devising, if possible, better guns than those now in use.

## Arrival of Sick and Wounded.

A hundred and fifty sick and wounded from the western and the Ladysmith sides landed from the *Aurora* at Southampton, on 5th ult., and several of them gave to a Press representative some interesting details upon the most significant war story of a private of the Gloucesters, who was wounded and captured at Nicholson's Nek. "After the battle," he said, "I was lying at the bottom of the hill, with all the rest of the wounded. After a bit General Joubert came by. He stopped and looked at us, and started talking to one of our officers. I was quite close, and heard what he said. He told our officer he never wanted to fight, but that he had to. He smiled when he saw us all lying there, and said that though it seemed a bad knock, he knew the loss of two regiments would not affect him, as they could easily replace them; but that if they (the Boers) had lost all those men, they would have been very bad, as there would have been nobody to replace them. Then, before he moved off, I heard him say quite plainly that in the end the English were bound to win, and get the Transvaal. I must say," continued the Gloucester man, "the Boers were very good to us, and I reckon that Joubert is a first-rate general and a first-rate gentleman." Some half-dozen Grenadiers of the 3rd Battalion, talked of Belmont, Graspan, and Modder River, for some of them had been in the latter. One spoke of the bravery of our officers. They were always in front cheering the men. "Lord Methuen is a fine officer. In the end we marched he addressed us, and said that what he did he meant to do thoroughly, and he did not mean to be put in the same wrong as I was when he was wounded. He never said anything but he kept looking round and moving his lips." "I was by," said another man, "when Colonel Stoford was shot." The Guards Brigade was marching on the Modder River village. Then a field officer brought word that the firing line—that was the Guards—was to retire. We began retreating, and Colonel Stoford shouted, "What are you retreating for?" "When the Boers blazed away the first shot, a shell, struck him fair in the chest. He was knocked over, but he got upon his knees and prayed, and then he fell back and died." "I was by," said another man, "when they shot Lieutenant Blundell. He was bending over a wounded Boer. He said, 'All right, my man, our ambulance will be along directly.' Then the brute turned round and shot him through the lungs."

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

Captain G. T. Blaxland, of the steamship *Diamond*, from Manila, reports:—Fine clear weather, light to fresh N.E. wind, with smooth sea.

## NOTANDA.

## CALENDAR.

Meteorological means based on fifteen years' observations to 1895.

Barometer ..... 30.141  
Thermometer ..... 57.3  
Humidity ..... 70.0  
Rainfall ..... 1.76

## TO-DAY.

Barometer ..... 30.15  
Temperature ..... 59  
Humidity ..... 89  
Rainfall ..... 87

## TO-DAY.

Thursday, 15th February, 1900.  
Chinese—16th of 1st moon of 20th year of Kwang-si.  
Sun—Rise ..... 6hr. 33min.  
Set ..... 5hr. 30min.  
High water—Morning ..... 9hr. 42min.  
Low water—Morning ..... 3hr. 42min.  
Afternoon ..... 3hr. 5min.

## ANNIVERSARIES.

1841—Hongkong and Shanghai declared free ports.  
1874—The ship *Columbia* burnt in Hongkong harbour.  
1884—Telegraph cable between Japan and Korea opened.  
1885—The Chinese ships *Yu-yuen* and *Ching-chung* sunk by the French in Sheikso harbour.  
1896—Fall of snow at Foochow.  
1897—King George of Greece forcibly inter-vened in Crete affairs.  
1898—U. S. battleship *Maine* blown up in Havana harbour.  
H.M.S. *Victorious* went aground at Suez.

## TO-MORROW.

Friday, 16th February, 1900.  
Chinese—17th of 1st moon of 20th year of Kwang-si.  
Sun—Rise ..... 6hr. 33min.  
Set ..... 5hr. 30min.  
High water—Morning ..... 9hr. 42min.  
Low water—Morning ..... 3hr. 42min.  
Afternoon ..... 3hr. 5min.

ANNIVERSARIES.  
1855—The insurgents evacuated Shanghai.  
1863—First public parade of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps and presentation of colours.  
1876—The 80th Regiment left Hongkong.  
1884—Hongkong Legislative Council reorganised.  
1885—The steamer *Castillo* lost on Flat Island, Lyeemum Pass.  
1887—The Alice Memorial Hospital, Hongkong, opened.  
1893—The Swedish barque *Doris* wrecked near the Natuna Island.  
1896—The Nova Scotia barque *Lynwood* wrecked on Pratas Reef.  
1898—Strike of Officers British Indian Steamship Co., ended.

## AGENDA.

TO-DAY.  
Cargo *Benvenue* subject to rent.  
China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd. Register of shares closed.  
9 p.m.—A. D. C. "Yeomen of the Guard" at City Hall.

TO-MORROW.  
4 p.m.—Football Final for the Regimental Cup between "A" and "B" Co., R.W.F.  
8.30 for 9 p.m.—A regular meeting of the Perseverance Lodge.  
Cargo *ex Kamsang* subject to rent.

SATURDAY, 17th.  
C. N. steamer *Changsha*, leaves for Shimonezaki and Kobe.  
Noon—Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Half-yearly meeting at the City Hall.  
Noon—P. & O. steamer *Bengal*, with mails, leaves for Europe.  
4 p.m.—Football Semi-final for Shield Competition, "B" Co., R.W.F. vs. "B" Co., R.W.F.  
8.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.—Regular Meeting of the Perseverance Lodge.  
9 p.m.—A. D. C. Yeoman of the Guard at City Hall.

SUNDAY, 18th.  
(About) N. L. H. A. steamer *Babelsberg*, leaves for Havre and Hamburg.  
O. S. S. Co. steamer *Pyrrhus*, leaves for Liverpool.  
M-W-DAY, 19th.  
3.00, 3.15 and 3.30 p.m.—Auction sale of Crown lands, at Mon-kok-tsi, Barker Road, and Yau-mat, at P.W.D. offices.  
4.30 p.m.—Football H. K. F. C. vs. H.M.S. *Victorious*.  
H.K.V.C. ORDERS.  
5.30 p.m.—P. & O. Launch leaves S. M. Pier for Stonecutters, E.L. runs.

TUESDAY, 20th.  
Daylight E. & A. steamer *Guthrie*, leaves for Australia ports.  
Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Stellar* for London.

HONGKONG RACES.  
Noon—Indo-China *Kamsang* leaves for Calcutta.

## SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

## MAILS DUE.

English (*Coromandel*) 17th inst.  
American (*Algon*) 20th inst.  
German (*Oldenburg*) 20th inst.  
German (*Stuttgart*) 22nd inst.  
Canadian (*Empress of Japan*) 23rd inst.  
American (*China*) 23rd inst.  
American (*Doric*) 24th inst.  
American (*Nippon Maru*) 9th prox.

The N. P. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Saint Irene*, arrived at Tacoma from Japan and Hongkong on the 13th inst.

The E. A. Co.'s *Amam*, left Shanghai this morning, and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 18th inst.

The steamer *Wakana*, *Maru*, Europe Line left Kobe, via *Manila* for this port yesterday, the 14th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 21st inst.

## HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

*Isla de Cuba*, ..... at Kowloon Dock.  
*Maidenau Maru*, .....  
*Prosper*, .....  
*Hongkong*, .....  
*Kailang*, .....  
*U.S.S. Monadnock*, .....  
*U.S.S. Iris*, .....  
*U.S.S. Wheeling*, .....  
*Tyr*, .....  
*Hongkong*, .....  
*D. J. M. d'Australia*, ..... Cosmopolitan  
*Mennur*, .....  
*Daphne*, .....  
*Victoria*, .....  
*Hating*, ..... Aberdeen

## PASSED THE CANAL.

Outward—30th December *St. Jerome*, *Indus*, *Dart*, *Lookabken*, *Lynrowan*, *Olyssip*, 2nd January—*Sanki Maru*, *St. Andrews*, 5th January—*Laos*, *Tenkai*, *Erzherzog Ferdinand*, *Denbighshire*, *Orman*, 9th January—*Yusur*, 16th January—*Nurik*, 19th January—*Edinburgh*, *Candia*, *Andalusia*, 23rd January—*Orizaba*, *Windsor*, 26th January—*Yara*, *Tonkin*, *Suzanna*, 2nd February—*Glencus*, *Cockburn*, *Socotra*, 6th February—*Heidelberg*, *Maria Valerie*, *Ernest Simons*, *St. Ronald*, *Andros*, *Oriz*, 9th February—*Kawachi Maru*, *Shanghai*.

Homeward—12th Jan.—*Andalusia*, *Savahi*, 16th January—*Yara*, *Savahi*, 19th January—*Japan*, 23rd January—*Kennor*, *Melpomene*, *Elizabeth*, *Rickers*, 30th January—*Tonkin*, *Penlarig*, *Rugby*, *Esksdale*, *St. Kilda*, *Korniloff*, *Stuttgart*, 6th February—*Asama*, 9th February—*Dionis*, *Horvick*, *Hall*.

## Shipping.

## Arrivals.

BENVOLICH, British steamer, 2,165, R. W. Thomson, 14th Feb., Moji 9th Feb., Coal.  
—Gibb, Livingston & Co.  
DIAMANTE, British steamer, 1,225, G. T. Blaxland, 15th Feb., Manila 12th Feb., General.  
—Shevan, Tomes & Co.  
ANPING, Chinese steamer, 1,158, H. Barlow, 15th Feb., Canton 14th Feb., General.  
—C. M. S. N. Co.  
WHAMPOA, British steamer, 1,109, P. Garriock, 15th Feb., Canton 14th Feb., General.  
—Butterfield & Swire.  
BENGAL, British steamer, 2,751, S. Barcham, 15th Feb., Shanghai 13th Feb., Malls and General.  
—A. O. N. G.  
E. F. FERDINAND, Austrian steamer, 3,800, Giuseppe Miranich, 15th Feb., Trieste 15th Dec., and Singapore 9th Feb., General.  
—Sander, Wieler & Co.  
BENLAWERS, British steamer, 1,484, A. Webster, 15th Feb., Java 4th Feb., Sugar, Gibb, Livingston & Co.

## Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Pak Kong, British str., for Canton.  
Tsinan, British str., for Manila.  
Whampoa, British str., for Amoy.  
Canton, British str., for Shanghai.  
Hiroshima Maru, Japanese str., for Kobe.  
Pictola, German str., for Saigon.  
Holstein, German str., for Saigon.

## Departures.

Feb. 15, *Hakao*, French str., for Hoihow.  
Feb. 15, *Huiching*, British str., for Swatow.  
Feb. 15, *Kakam*, British str., for Shanghai.  
Feb. 15, *Pictola*, German str., for Saigon.  
Feb. 15, *Mufao*, Chinese str., for Canton.  
Feb. 15, *Ayr*, British str., for Kutchinotzu.  
Feb. 15, *Yuehsang*, British str., for Manila.  
Feb. 15, *Whampoa*, British str., for Sourabaya.  
Feb. 15, *Canton*, British str., for Shanghai.  
Feb. 15, *Holstein*, German str., for Saigon.  
Feb. 15, *Hiroshima Maru*, Japanese str., for Japan.  
Feb. 15, *Tsinan*, British str., for Australian Ports.

## Passengers—Arrived.

Per *Diamante*, from Manila—Mrs. Vaughan,



## Intimations.

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation, will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 17th day of February, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1899.

By order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 14th January, 1900. [106b]

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Registers of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 3rd to the 17th day of February, (both days inclusive), during which period NO Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 24th January, 1900. [106b]

## HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 26th February, 1900, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to 26th February, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
THOS. L. ROSE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 30th January, 1900. [127b]

## THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 4, Queen's Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th day of February, at 12 o'clock (NOON), to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1899, and the Report of the Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 28th instant, both days inclusive.

J. WHEELER,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 12th February, 1900. [191b]

## HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, will be held at the Offices of the Company, Pedder Street, on THURSDAY, the 1st day of March, 1900, at 12 o'clock (NOON), to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1899, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th February to the 1st March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHEWSON & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 30th January, 1900. [129b]

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 8th March, at 12 o'clock (NOON), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd instant to the 8th March, both days inclusive.

By Order,  
GEO. L. TOMLIN,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 9th February, 1900. [171b]

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1900.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY,  
the 20th, 21st and 22nd February.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd. Price \$5 for the Meeting.

TICKETS for the Day may be purchased at the Gate; Price \$2 each.

No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 14th February, 1900. [107b]

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE during the Races on the 20th, 21st and 22nd instant.

An Enclosure will be reserved for Members and Members' Wives and Families, Tickets for which may be had on Application by Members to the Under-Secretary; said Tickets must be produced to gain Admission.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 14th February, 1900. [107b]

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the RACE COURSE during the Race Day without Tickets, which can be had on Application to the Under-Secretary.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 14th February, 1900. [107b]

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST & RESPONSIBILITY of the Under-Signed in the TSUN HAN YAT I.O. No. 51, Gough Street, CEASES from this Date.

WONG SUI TONG.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1900. [109b]

## LOST.

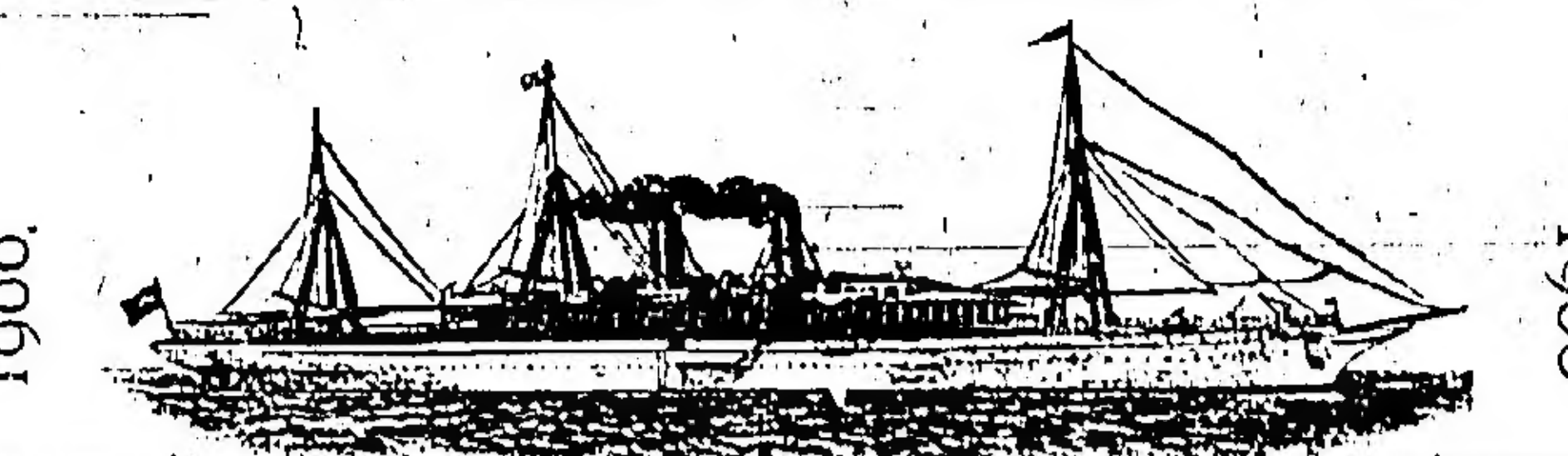
ON SATURDAY EVENING, between the City Hall and Kowloon Docks, a Lady's OSTRICH-FEATHER BOA.

The Finder will be REWARDED bringing same to

The Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1900. [100b]

## Mails.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.



SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.  
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)  
Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Ton—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 14th March.  
EMPEROR OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 4th April.  
EMPEROR OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 25th April.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First Class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.

For further information, Maps, Guide, Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder Street. [13]

## CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS, and HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, &c.

Belgian King ... 3,379 ... about Feb. 21

Thyria ... 3,406 ... about Mar. 6

Lady Joyce ... 3,406 ... about Mar. 31

THE Steamship

"BELGIAN KING,"

will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and SAN FRANCISCO, VIA KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on or about WEDNESDAY, the 21st February.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the OFFICE until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, China and Japan.  
Hongkong, 10th February, 1900. [128]

## NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

ALSO FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAIL ROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by the Line.

HONGKONG TO LONDON £47.

Excellent accommodation. First-class Tables. DOCTOR and STEWARDNESS carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK £41.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA £28.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of the Steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, 9th February, 1900. [14]

## THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, LONDON AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"BENGAL,"

Captain S. Barcham, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 17th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with Transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1900. [15]

## OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Saturday, 10th Mar. at Noon.

Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Thursday, 5th April at Noon.

Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Tuesday, 1st May at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"DORIC,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 10th March, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago, direct destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

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Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

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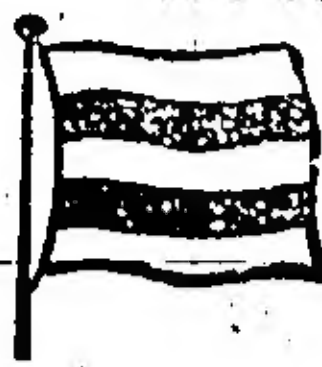
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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1900. [16]

## Mails.

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS. DESTINATIONS. SAILING DATES.

WAKASA MARU ... { MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANT. ... FRIDAY, 23rd Feb. at Daylight.

J. B. MacMillan ... { WERI, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID. ...

KASUGA MARU ... { MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE ... FRIDAY, 23rd Feb. at 4 P.M.

FUTABA MARU ... { NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKO- SATURDAY, 24th Feb. at Noon.

J. Thom ... { HAMA ...

MIKE MARU ... { BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO ... FRIDAY, and March, at Noon.

S. Kawamura ... {

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 14th February, 1900. [6]

## NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

(Freight Service.)

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT; BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

## HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

(Freight Service.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS. DESTINATIONS. SAILING DATES.

ALESIA ... BORDEAUX, HAVRE & HAMBURG. ... 27th February. Freight.

Knuth ... (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG) ... About 18th March. Freight.

ASTORIA ... (via SUEZ CANAL) ... About 22nd March. Freight and Passage.

SAVOIA ... HAVRE and HAMBURG. ... About 31st March. Freight.

SAXONIA ... HAVRE and HAMBURG. ... About 6th April. Freight and Passage.

Kreth ... (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG) ...

HEIDELBERG ... HAVRE and HAMBURG. ...

Schuler ... (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG) ...

\* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For further Particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to

27] CARLOWITZ & Co.,  
Agents.

## TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

U.S. MAIL LINE.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Friday, 23rd February, at Noon.

NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Tuesday, 20th March, at Noon.

AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Saturday, 14th April, at Noon.

THE Steamship

"HONGKONG MARU,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, the 23rd February, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.  
Hongkong, 14th February, 1900. [7]

## Mails.

## PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON, 1900.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned Vessels will sail from CHINA DIRECT FOR

MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON.

WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

LEAVE.

STEAMERS. Tons. S'hai. H'kong. S'pore.

Parramatta ... 4886 Mar. 27 Mar. 31 April 6

Massilia ... 5026 April 10 April 14 April 20

For Freight or Passage, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE,  
Superintendent, Hongkong.  
14th December, 1899. [13]

## Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.







## Intimations.

**F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,**  
SHIPCHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS,  
COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS,  
CHARTERS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS  
AND GENERAL COMMISSION  
AGENTS.

PRAYA CENTRAL HONGKONG,  
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SOLE AGENTS FOR  
HARTMANN'S PATENT GENUINE  
COMPOSITION RED HAND  
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&c., &c., &c.

Sole Agents for  
FERGUSON'S SPECIAL CREAM  
and  
P. & O. SPECIAL LIQUOR SCOTCH  
WHISKY, &c.

EVERY KIND OF  
SHIPS STORES AND REQUISITES  
ALWAYS IN STOCK

AT  
REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1896.

"THE ABSENT MINDED BEGAR."

GRAND NEW PATRIOTIC POEM BY  
RUDYARD KIPPLING, Music by Sir  
ARTHUR SULLIVAN.

Has created a future unexampled, amazing,  
immense.

Order at once "for your Credits' Sake and  
Pay, Pay, Pay."

Proceeds given to Patriotic Fund.

ROBINSON PIANO CO.,  
Hongkong, Shanghai & Singapore.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1899.

With the Utmost Success.

Thoroughly reliable preservative for Wood  
and Stone against White Ants, Decay, Fungus  
Rot and Dampness.

Sole Agents for China,  
LUTGENS, EINSTANN & Co.,  
Hongkong, 11th September, 1896.

NOTICE.

THE BEST PREVENTIVE OF ALL  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

JEYES  
FLUID  
THE BEST  
DISINFECTANT

AVOID ALL RISK OF OUTBREAK BY  
ITS USE.

W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,  
Bank Buildings.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1897.

DISINFECTANT

SOAP

W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,  
Bank Buildings.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1897.

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## The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.  
(February 15th.)

Companies.	Paid up Capital.	Latest quotation.
<b>Banks.</b>		
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$125	333 3/4 premium
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited (Preference)	£ 5	Nominal
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited (Ordinary)	£ 4	4 1/4 buyers
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited (Deferred)	£ 1	£5.5 buyers
National Bank of China, Ltd.	£ 8	\$26 1/2
Do. Founders	£ 1	\$20
<b>Marine Insurances.</b>		
Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd.	\$ 50	\$235
China Traders' Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	\$56
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	£ 25	Tls. 180
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Ltd.	\$ 60	\$117 1/2 buyers
Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	\$ 50	\$130
Straits Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$2
<b>Fire Insurances.</b>		
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$145
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$89 1/2
<b>Shipping.</b>		
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Limited	\$ 15	\$29 1/2
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	£ 10	\$88
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$100
Dauglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$49
China Mutual S.S. Co., Ltd. (Pref.)	£ 10	£10 buyers
China Mutual S.S. Co., Ltd. (Ordinary)	£ 10	£10
China Mutual S.S. Co., Ltd. (Ordinary)	£ 5	£5
Star Ferry Co., Ltd.	£ 10	\$50
"Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	£ 100	£250
<b>Refineries.</b>		
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$126
Luen Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$47
<b>Mining.</b>		
Punjom Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 6	\$57 1/2
Punjom Mining Preference Shares	\$ 1	\$130
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Fcs. 250	\$100
Queen Mines, Ltd.	25 cts.	\$0.37
Jelabu Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	\$134
Raub Alp. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	15s. 10d.	\$62
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd. A.	\$ 5	\$51
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd. B.	\$ 48	\$470
Great Eastern & Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	\$1
Do. (Preference)	\$ 1	\$0.40
<b>Docks, Wharves and Godowns.</b>		
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	\$125	550 3/4 premium
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$84 1/2 buyers
Whampoa Warehouse & Storage Co., Ltd.	\$ 37 1/2	\$43 1/2
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 6 1/2	\$20
<b>Land, Hotels and Buildings.</b>		
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$9.35
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$122 1/2
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 30	\$26
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$41
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$127
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$10
<b>Cotton Mills.</b>		
Hongkong Cotton Spinning & Dyeing Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$38
Ewo Cotton Spinning & W. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 60
International Cotton Mfg. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 67
Lou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 72 1/2
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	Tls. 500	Tls. 375
Yahloong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 54
<b>Miscellaneous.</b>		
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$28 1/2
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$ 15	\$15 1/2
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	\$ 10	\$16 1/2
Walker Limited	\$ 10	\$10 1/2
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	\$ 5	\$11 1/2
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	\$ 2	\$2.10
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd.	£ 10	\$135
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$325
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	\$50
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	\$165
Hongkong High Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$152 1/2
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	\$ 6	\$6
Bakery Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$35
Campbell, Moore and Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$16
<b>Asbestos East.</b>		
United Asbestos Oriental Agcy., Ltd.	\$ 4	£1 nominal
United Asbestos Oriental Agcy., Ltd.	\$ 4	\$4
Carmichael & Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$8
Terrah Planting Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	\$5
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## OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, 13th February.	
New Patna	950 per chest.
New Benares	975
New Malwa	980 per picul.
Old Malwa	950/960
Persian, Oily, cash	650/660
Persian, paper tied	875
(Allowance, tails 10)	

## VESSELS IN PORT.

<b>Steamers.</b>	
AMICO, German steamer, 771, J. Bendixen, 13th Feb., Hoilow 12th Feb., Rice—Jensen & Co.	
ANCONA, British steamer, 1,888, W. H. Carter, 9th Feb., Singapore 2nd Feb., General—P. & O. S. N. Co.	
BELLEROPHON, British steamer, 1,345, Lyons, 13th Feb., Penang 3rd Feb., General—Butterfield & Swire.	
CEREDA, British steamer, 1,603, L. Johnson, 12th Feb., Singapore 2nd Feb., Case Oil—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
CHOWTAT, British steamer, 1,100, J. A. Morris, 13th Feb., Saigon 9th Feb., Rice—Butterfield & Swire.	
CLARA, German steamer, 675, A. Hansen, 14th Feb., Pakhoi and Hoilow 13th Feb., General—Jensen & Co.	
DAPHNE, German steamer, 1,292, Th. Nissen, 31st Dec., Kuchino 20th Dec., Coal—Siemssen & Co.	
DECIMA, German steamer, 955, Christiansen, 13th Feb., Saigon 7th Feb., Rice—Sander, Walker & Co.	
EMMA LUYKEN, German steamer, 1,178, C. Walles, 14th Feb., Hamburg 7th Dec., and Singapore 7th Feb., General—Siemssen & Co.	
FORMOSA, British steamer, 674, J. Douglas, 14th Feb., Tamsui 10th Feb., Amoy and Swatow 13th, General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.	
GERMANIA, German steamer, 1,174, A. Möller, 10th Feb., Java 30th Jan., Sugar—Jensen & Co.	
GLENFURRY, British steamer, 3,026, R. Webster, 14th Feb., London via Singapore 7th Feb., General and H.M.S. Robin—McGregor Bros. & Gow.	
HANOI, French steamer, 750, Pannier, 14th Feb., Haiphong 10th Feb. and Hoilow 13th, Rice—A. R. Marty.	
HATING, French steamer 705, last, 12th Feb., Haiphong and Hoilow 10th Feb., General—A. R. Marty.	
HINSANG, British steamer, 1,536, M. Crockett, 11th Feb., Java 31st January, Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
HOLSTADT, British steamer, 1,666, T. Bahle, 10th Feb., Moji 4th Feb., Coal and General—Carlowitz & Co.	
HONGKONG, French steamer, 739, Bastian, 27th Dec., Haiphong and Hoilow 26th Dec., General—A. R. Marty.	
HONGKONG MARU, Japanese steamer, 3,385, W. E. Filmer, 12th Feb., San Francisco 10th Jan., via Honolulu 22nd, Yokohama 4th Feb., Kobe 5th, Nagasaki 7th, and Shanghai 10th, Mails and General—J. S. Van Buren.	
KONG BENG, British steamer, 862, F. W. Joslin, 12th Feb., Saigon 7th Feb., Rice and Paddy—Butterfield & Swire.	
KUMSANG, British steamer, 2,078, G. Payne, 14th Feb., Singapore 7th Feb., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
MACDUFF, British steamer, 1,882, R. Glegg, 13th Feb., Saigon 8th Feb., Rice—Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	
MAIDZURU MARU, Japanese steamer, 667, T. Ogata, 27th Feb., Amoy and Swatow 6th Feb., General—Order.	
MENKUI, British steamer, 1,080, S. J. George, 6th Dec., Sourabaya and Cheribon 25th Nov., Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
PHRA NANG, British steamer, 1,020, A. S. Calder, 10th Feb., Bangkok 29th Jan., General—Butterfield & Swire.	
PROSPER, Norwegian steamer, 789, Thorstensen, 3rd Feb., Sourabaya 23rd January, Sugar—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	
RELIFE, American transport, 3,000, Frank Harding, 13th Feb., Manila 10th Feb.	
ROHILLA, British steamer, 2,165, S. de B. Locber, R.N.R., 7th Feb., Yokohama 7th Feb., General—P. & O. S. N. Co.	
ST. ANDREWS, Norwegian steamer, 1,071, H. S. Hergen, 3rd Feb., Cardiff 17th Dec., Coal—Order.	
SAVOIA, German steamer, 1,659, Jager, 14th Feb., Hamburg 26th Jan., and Singapore 7th Feb., General—Siemssen & Co.	

SUNGKIAN, British steamer, 1,025, S. W. Moore, 13th Feb., Manila 10th Feb., Sugar and Cigar—Butterfield & Swire.

TAI CHING, German steamer, 828, H. Ahrens, 13th Feb., Saigon 8th Feb., Rice and Rice-fallow—Meyer & Co.

TAIFU, German steamer, 1,046, R. Scheldt, 12th Feb., Saigon 7th Feb., Rice—Meyer & Co.

VICTORIA, American steamer, 1,992, John Pantton, 29th Jan., Manila 26th January, Ballast—Dodwell & Co., Ltd.

## Sailing Vessels.

ALLERTON, British ship, 1,938, Toye, 31st Jan., Cardiff 8th Sept., Coal—Admiralty.

BRODERICK CASTLE, British ship, 1,745, O. Olsen, 29th Jan., New York 24th Aug., Case Oil—Standard Oil Co.

EMILY REED, American ship, 1,460, D. C. Nickles, 1st Feb., Singapore 11th Dec., Petroleum—Standard Oil Co.

ISAAC REED, American ship, 1,837, Watts, 8th Feb., New York 16th Aug., Kerosine Oil—Standard Oil Co.

THAIFALGAR, British 4-masted bark, 1,616, M. S. Wright, 26th Dec., Hongkong 15th Dec., S. Wand, Sander, Wieler & Co.

WARATAH, British schooner, 25, Haynes, 23rd Sept., Takow 15th Sept., Ballast—Mr. F. W. Hall.

## HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS ON THE CHINA STATION.

Hongkong, February 15th, 1900.

Alacrity, despatch vessel, 1,700 tons, 10 6-pd. 4.5 inch guns, 3,000 i.h.p., Commander A. H. Smith, Victoria, Hongkong.

Algerine, sloop, 1,050 tons, 6 guns, 1,100 i.h.p., Comdr. E. J. W. Slade, Hongkong.

Aurora, British cruiser, 5,600 tons, Capt. E. H. Bayly, Manila.

Barfleur, 1st class battleship, 13,000 tons, 14 guns, 13,163 i.h.p., Captain Hon. S. C. J. Colville, C.B., en route Wei-hai-wei.

Bonaventure, 2nd class cruiser, 4,360 tons, 18 guns, 9,000 i.h.p., Capt. R. H. J. Montgomerie, U.B., R.N., Shanghai.

Britis, British cruiser, 1,770 tons, 6 guns, 5,600 tons, Capt. R. H. S. Wrey, Hongkong.

Centurion, British battleship, 12,000 tons, 12 guns, 12,000 i.h.p., Capt. R. J. Jellicoe, Hongkong.

Dolphin, sloop, 1,140 tons, 8 guns, 2,000 i.h.p., Comdr. C. W. Ingleton, Ingleton, Hankow.

Endymion, British cruiser, 7,350 tons, Capt. G. A. Callaghan, Wei-hai-wei.

Esch, coast defence gunboat, 363 tons, 3 guns, 200 i.h.p., Lieut. Comdr. C. Chudwick, Ichang.

Fame, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 4,400 i.h.p., Lieut. Com. W. J. Keyes, Hongkong.

Firedrake, 3rd class gunboat, 455 tons, 4 guns, 360 i.h.p., Hongkong.

Handy, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 i.h.p., Hongkong.

Hark, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 i.h.p., Hongkong.

Humber, storeship, 1,640 tons, 800 i.h.p., Com. H. J. Davidson, Hongkong.

Iphigenia, 2nd class cruiser, 3,600 tons, 8 guns, 7,000 i.h.p., Capt. H. N. Dudding, en route Singapore.

Lionel, gun-vessel, 750 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4 6-pounders, 370 i.h.p., Commander W. W. Smyth, Wei-hai-wei.

Orlando, British cruiser, 5,000 tons, Capt. J. H. Burke, Manila.

Peacock, 1st class gunboat, 775 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut. Comdr. S. G. Douglas, Shanghai.

Phaenix, British gunboat, 1,015 tons, Comdr. Cochran, Hongkong.

Pigmy, 1st class gunboat, 755 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut. Comdr. J. F. E. Green, Wei-hai-wei.

Plover, 1st class gunboat, 453 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut. Comdr. C. V. de M. Cowper, Manila.

Redpole, British gunboat, 805 tons, Capt. F. F. Haworth Booth, Shanghai.

Sandpiper, British river gunboat, 2 guns, Lt. Comdr. Carr, on the West River.

Swift, gun-vessel, 750 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4 6-pounders, 370 i.h.p., Hongkong.

Tamar, receiving ship, 4,600 tons, Comdr. Powell, Hongkong.